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DETAILED ACTION

1. *Prosecution of this application has now been reopened in view of the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirming the examiner's 102(e) rejection of independent claims 1, 7, and 16 in view of Weber et al. (See paper No. 26, 12/21/04)*

2. *The period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered 21 December 2004 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(c).*

Since all independent claims (1, 7, and 16) stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e), applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH to rewrite dependent claims 2-6, 8-15, and 17-18 in independent form. Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

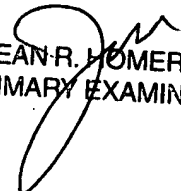
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3. *Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred Ferris whose telephone number is 571-272-3778 and whose normal working hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday. Any inquiry of a general nature relating to the status of this application should be directed to the*

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